AMENDMENT TO ABSTRACT

Apparatus to lock a motor-vehicle steering shaft against rotation using a locking bolt axially reciprocable by a to-and-fro rotatable control element between a locked position and a release position, the bolt being fixable in its locked position by ~~means of~~ a displaceably supported, spring-loaded securing element driven by the spring load into a lateral recess of the locking bolt and which cooperates with ~~said~~ the control element of the locking bolt in order to be moved out of the lateral recess against the action of the spring load. The control element is rotatable about an axis running parallel to the locking bolt's longitudinal axis. The securing element comprises an axially displaceable securing pin the longitudinal axis of which runs in a plane perpendicular to the locking bolt's longitudinal axis and which by its spring load rests against a control surface of the control element that extends around the axis of rotation of the control element.